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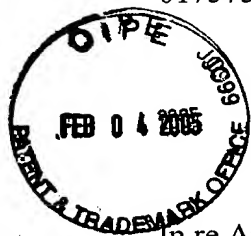
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Serial No.: 09/870,144  
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Art Unit No. 3737  
Examiner: W. C. Jung  
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**Response Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

In response to the Office Action mailed November 4, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments thereto, and the comments as set forth below.